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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Strikes, Labor Unions And Lawlessness

By Evangelist John R. Rice

"Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages."—Luke 3:14.

(Printed some years ago, this article referred to "sit down strikes." But it still has lessons for today and is reprinted here to help in this time of strikes and lawlessness.)

There are many Scriptures that Christian people should consult before they take part in the present wave of strikes, with their attendant destruction of property, fights, law breaking, riot and bloodshed. We suggest besides the heading above the following verses:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. *For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Who-soever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."—Rom. 13:1, 2.

"Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying."—Rom. 13:13.

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."—Rom. 12:18.

"Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace."—Rom. 14:19.

"Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ."—Eph. 6:5.

In connection with the last Scripture, employers should re-

member Ephesians 6:9 which says, "And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him."

Again in Colossians this matter of masters and servants, or in modern language, employers and employees, is given. In Colossians 3:22-25 is the following command:

"Servants, (that is, employees) obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons."

Immediately following that, in Colossians 4:1 is this command to others who employ laborers:

"Masters, (or employers) give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven."

The Christian religion has its

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"STANDING ON THE PROMISES"

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"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."—II Cor. 1:20.

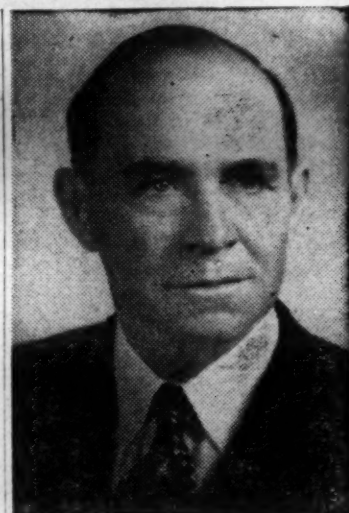
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"All the promises of God." Now what Paul means by "In him are yea, and in him Amen," is that you can absolutely count on every one of them, that they are ours to claim for our own, and not a single one shall ever fail.

Joshua, at the age of 110 years, knowing that the time for his death was at hand, called the elders of Israel together and after reciting to them the wonderful providence of God in their deliverance from Egypt, and how God had blessed them all through the years, said, "Of all the good things God has promised, not one has failed." Then Joshua throws out to them the challenge to follow God. You remember that Joshua was at that time the only man living who was as much as twenty years old when Israel left the land of Egypt. Now Joshua is 110 years old and has been following God ever since his young manhood, and has been in places of responsibility and leadership. He has seen all the testing of the deliverance from Egypt—the crossing of the Red Sea, the feeding of the hosts with the manna from Heaven, the opening of the rock to give them water in the wilderness. He has seen God take care of them in such a marvelous way that for forty years while wandering in the wilderness their clothes did not wear out nor their

feet swell. He saw God open the River Jordan and bring them across into the Promised Land and give victory to their armies, and homes for their people to live in. After all those years of trying experiences through which Joshua passed, he bore this marvelous testimony: "I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof." (Joshua 23:14). After more than ninety years of service for the Lord, Joshua finds that not a single promise that God has ever made has failed. That is what Paul meant when he wrote to the church at Corinth, "All the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen." You can count on every one of them.

I want you to notice another thing about the promises of God. Paul said, "In him they are yea, and in him they are Amen." He means that only through Christ and in Christ are the promises of God available to us. Everything in the plan of God is centered around and heads up in Christ. "In him" and "through him" are the promises of God available to us. Let me repeat, God has centered everything in Jesus Christ. Salvation is in Him. Eternal life is in Him. "This is the record," says the Word of God, "that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (I John 5:11-12). And yet many people hope to procure salvation without Christ. Many of them try to work out their own



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salvation, try to produce a righteousness by the works of their own hands, by the fruits of their own goodness and morality which they hope God will accept, forgetting the fact that God has shut up the whole world to salvation in Christ or no salvation at all.

This morning in my Sunday School class I asked this question of my men: Are the heathen lost who have never had an opportunity to hear about Christ or to hear the gospel preached? I am sure that as many as a dozen of them shook their heads, saying, "No, they are not lost when they haven't had a chance to hear about Christ." But when God says, "Eternal life is in Christ . . . and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life," then that means the heathen and all—that there is no such thing as salvation outside of Jesus Christ. It is either believe in Christ or perish. There is no other alternative. Jesus said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the

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Seven Reasons Why Jesus Died

Notes of an Address by Rev. H. A. Ironside, D.D., Litt.D.
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It is surprising that after 1900 years of gospel light and testimony, one often finds professing Christians who manifest great ignorance in regard to the most important fundamental truths of the Word of God. I do not know how many times I have had people come to me—people who had faith in Christ—and put the question in all seriousness, "Just why did Christ have to die in order

that we might be saved?" I want to show from the Scripture seven very clear, definite reasons for which Jesus died.

1. Christ Died as a Propitiation for Our Sins

The first Scripture is found in I Corinthians, chapter 15. In the opening verses we find that the truth of the death of Christ is the very foundation of the gospel. There could be no gospel without this. The gospel is not a message about Christ as a world teacher, or Christ as a great example; but the gospel has to do with the Christ who died. "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain." You see, there is such a thing as believing in vain; that is, it is quite possible to give a mere mental assent to certain Bible truths, and yet never definitely trust Christ for one's self. Now all

who profess to believe the gospel are not saved, but only those who have received the truth into their hearts and manifest it by continuance in the way of life. "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." Here is the first great fundamental: "Christ died." That is a historical fact. Most people believe this; that is, in that part of the world which has had the knowledge of the Bible. Men and women generally believe that Christ died; that is history. But notice what the apostle adds, "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." Christ died: that is a historical statement. "Christ died for our sins" is a declaration of a great dogmatic truth. It gives us the very first reason for which Christ went to the cross. He gave Himself there as a ransom for our sins. We deserved to die; we never could have come up out of death if the judgment of God had fallen upon us because of our sins.

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Dr. H. A. Ironside

HARD QUESTIONS FOR SEVENTH DAYISTS

(From a tract, unsigned, put out by the Union Gospel Mission, St. Paul, Minnesota)

1. Where is the proof that any man ever kept the seventh day, except by special commandment, prior to the proclamation of the ten commandments at Mount Sinai? (Gen. 2:2,3; Ex. 16:23-30; 20:1-17).

2. If Christians are required to keep the seventh day, why do you depart from your dwelling on that day, seeing those to whom the law was given were plainly commanded not to do so? (Ex. 16:29).

3. If you keep one Sabbath—the seventh day—why not keep them all, the seventh year and the year of Jubilee? Who authorized you to make distinction in favor of the seventh day? (Lev. 25:1-22).

4. If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath, how are they to live in cold climates when it is forbidden to build a fire on the Sabbath? (Ex. 35:1-3).

5. Is it the duty of Christians to put to death those who desecrate the seventh day? (Num. 15:32-36).

If yes, who will be the public executioner? If no, what will you do with the law? (Ex. 35:2). If you say that the penalties are abolished, I answer that the same passages that you use to establish this, prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that the law, too, is abolished. If you admit that the penalties are still in force—and the proof that they are unanswerable and invincible if the law is in force—there is not a Seventh Dayist on top of the green earth who can escape the vengeance of the broken law!

6. If Christians are under obligation to observe the seventh day, why did Jesus declare that all law and prophecy hang on love instead

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Son of man be lifted up." That word "MUST" that Jesus uses simply means that there is no other way to save man: "Even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." The alternative is believe or perish.

Again we have it in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again it is believe or perish. "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Again the same choice is believe or be condemned. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." Believe or face the wrath of God. All the promises of God are in and through Jesus Christ. We love to say that God is grace, that God is mercy, that God is love, and that God is long-suffering. Yes, God is gracious. God is merciful. God is long-suffering. But we forget that God is all these in Jesus Christ. Outside of Jesus Christ, God is justice, God is holiness. Outside of Jesus Christ, God is a consuming fire. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." (Rom. 1:18). All the promises of God are in Jesus Christ. Thank God for those promises! Thank God that He has placed them in One who can be touched with our infirmities. Thank God that He has placed them in such an One whom God has made the high priest and bishop of our souls. God said it behoved Him "in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings"; One who has been "tempted in all points like as we are"; One who knows what it is to taste the very dregs of human suffering and disappointment; One who was rich, yet became poor that we might have the riches of God in Him; One who so completely identified Himself with suffering humanity that He could say, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head"; One who became sin and knows what it is to suffer the wrath of God, who Himself suffered the fires of Hell. For when He was made to be sin, He dipped His soul into Hell and His soul was made an offering for sin. Oh, how I thank God that He has placed the promises in Christ, who can be touched with the "feeling of our infirmities," who sympathizes with us. When I see the Christ with His hands outstretched and the tears streaming down His face as He pleads with sinners to turn from their sin, I say down in my heart, Thank God that salvation is in Him! For He loves me; His heart breaks over me when I sin. And my salvation and all the promises of God are perfectly safe when entrusted to Him. In Him is our hope. "The promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen."

Let us look for a few minutes at some of the things that God has promised in Christ.

1. All Who Come to Jesus Shall Be Saved

God has promised to save every sinner who will come to Christ, regardless of who he may be; regardless of how deep he has gone in sin or how far away from God he might have gone. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall

be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." God has promised in Jesus Christ and through Him to save unto the utmost every sinner that shall ever turn from his sins and turn his penitent face and penitent heart to the cross of Calvary. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." We hear God saying, "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked: but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?"

I find in the Word of God the invitation "come" more than 1900 times. More than 1900 times you hear God calling the sinner to come and be saved.

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." (Isa. 45:22).

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." (Isa. 55:7).

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." (Matt. 12:28-29).

"Ho, every one that thirsteth,

come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat: yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." (Isa. 55:1-2).

Such is the insistent call of Almighty God through Christ throughout the whole of the Bible. And for these past six thousand years God has been offering salvation to every sinner, and God has promised that not one that comes to Him shall be turned away.

Jesus said in John 6:37, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Friend, hear me tonight, the one thing that every person in this world needs is salvation. The one thing that the human race needs is salvation. Why do I say it? First of all because we have all sinned. Where is the man or woman or young person, even the child who is old enough to know right from wrong, that would stand up to-night and say, "I am not a sinner"? Friend, if you hope to get to Heaven without Christ, I ask you point blank, Are you a sinner? Answer me that. What have you to commend you to God? The Scripture says, "The soul that sin-

neth, it shall die." What have you on which to base any hope? You are a sinner, aren't you? Therefore you need Jesus, the sinner's only hope.

Another reason I say we need a Saviour is because we are going to die one day. Did you know that statistics show that fifty per cent of the human race die before they are seventeen years old? Young people think that because they are young they have a lease on life. And many old people act as though they thought they would live a thousand years. But friend, young or old, death is "just around the corner" for every one of us. And when you press the dying pillow, there isn't anything that will meet your need except Jesus Christ. When you pillow your head there on the death bed and stretch out to die, nothing will be an anchor to your soul then except Jesus Christ. I have seen many an unsaved man who boasted in good health, but when he looked death in the face, I have seen him quiver and act like a coward and beg for mercy. I had an uncle who lived to be ninety-two years old. All his life he claimed to be an infidel. But when he was on his death bed, he turned to my sister and said, "Pray for me." We are all going to have to face that hour one day and we all need salvation.

Another thing: we are going to have to face God in the judgment.

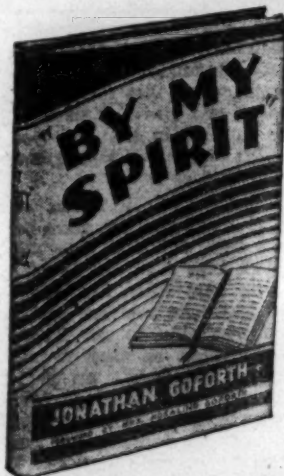
Friend, as certainly as this Book is true, we are going to meet God in judgment whether we like it or not. Whether we try to push it away or not, we are going to meet God. And God's Word says, "Prepare to meet thy God" . . . "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." (Eccl. 12:14). And there is no way to meet God in peace outside of Jesus Christ. There is no hope when you stand before God for the nakedness of your soul unless you are clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Prepare, oh sinner, prepare to meet thy God!

Another reason all men need salvation is because it is the only thing that determines where you will spend eternity. Man's works, man's goodness, man's morality, man's idealism, education, social standing, power, prestige or position—none of these things have anything to do with where you will spend eternity. The best man on earth must be saved, and, thank God, the worst man can be saved. So after all, there is one thing and one only that determines whether you spend eternity in Heaven or in Hell, whether or not you are saved, and that is what you do with Jesus Christ. Let us look at some more of the promises of God.

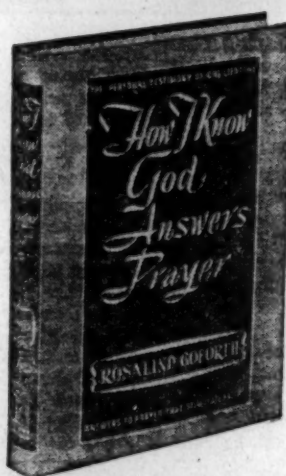
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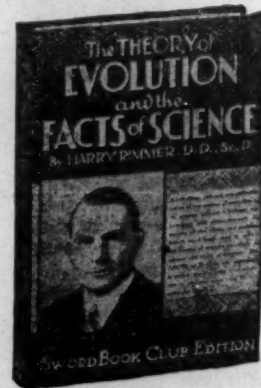
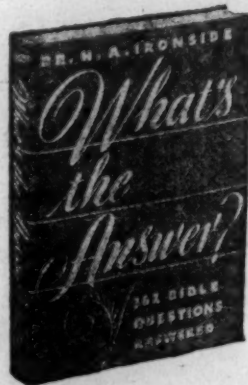
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Therefore, the Lord Jesus Christ gave Himself as a propitiation for our sins and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. The apostle Paul could say, "The Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Can you say that? Do you see Christ taking your place upon that cross, bearing the judgment that your sins deserved? We read in Romans 5:8, "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"; and again, "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (ver. 6). The Lord in infinite grace took our place upon that cross: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5). This is the first great truth, the first reason for which Christ died: He died for our sins.

2. Christ Died to Reconcile Us to God

Turn to Romans 5:10 and notice another reason: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." Here is the second reason for which Christ died: to reconcile us to God. Men and women are in an actual state of enmity against God. This does not always show up in the beginning of life, but after years have passed, unless they have been brought to trust in Christ in childhood, they soon manifest that the natural heart is in a state of enmity against God. Men want to live their own lives; they want to go their own ways. That is what we do before we are saved. God desires men to be reconciled to Him. It is the business of the gospel preacher to go to men in Christ's stead, offering reconciliation. We are told that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation" (II Cor. 5:19). That beautiful, lovely life of Jesus failed to reconcile sinful men to God, but when one sees for the first time that Christ took his place—that Christ died for him—that is what breaks down the hardness of the heart and does away with the enmity and reconciles us to God. If I am speaking to anyone who is still out of Christ, I would like to take you by the hand, lead you to Calvary's cross, point you to the blessed Son of God, and remind you that He loved you and gave Himself for your sins, and there manifested the wonderful love of God for lost men.

There is a little hymn which people sang when I was a lad. It has always meant a great deal to me:

"O'er this wide waste I loved to roam
My back on God, and heaven,
and home,
Till Jesus met me far astray
And beckoned me to come away.
He said on Calvary's cross He died;
A sacrifice for sin was made,
And all because He loved me so.
Then how could I do less than go?"

It was this that broke my heart as a lad of fourteen. God grant that you may catch sight of that cross and see that Christ Jesus died for you; and you, too, will be reconciled to God.

3. The Death of Christ Unites Those Saved Into One Body

The third reason for which Jesus died is brought before us in the eleventh chapter of John's gospel. The leaders of the people were disputing concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. In verse 49 of

this eleventh chapter we read, "And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." Now Caiaphas did not mean to preach the gospel when he said that. What he had in mind was this: the Pharisees feared that the Jews might get into trouble with the Roman government because of the teaching of Jesus. Word might be carried to Rome that Jesus was stirring up sedition. He was hailed by many as King of the Jews. Rome might be aroused against the Jews because of this. So Caiaphas really meant, "What we need to do is to apprehend this Jesus and put Him to death, for it is better that one man should die for the people than that the whole nation should perish. It will be better for us to take matters into our own hands than to wait for the Roman government to inflict punishment upon us as a nation." But notice what the Holy Ghost has to say: "This he spake not of himself." Caiaphas himself did not realize what was embodied in his words when he said, "One man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not." "This spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." That is the third reason why Christ died: in order that He might save those in Israel who put their faith in Him, and that He might gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.

You remember on one occasion He said to His disciples, "I am the good shepherd"; and He told how He came seeking His own sheep. He added, "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one flock, and one shepherd." He was referring to the Gentiles when He used the expression "other sheep." He looked beyond the confines of the Jewish fold and saw the Gentiles who were poor, lost sinners, such as you and I; and He said, "I must find them and bring them in." All who put their trust in Him become part of that one flock, and there is one Shepherd over them. Jesus died to do this very thing: "That he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." On another occasion He said, "He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad" (Matt. 12:30). And so those of us who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ constitute the one flock. We all belong to the one Shepherd, and we should have the same love toward one another. When you find Christians giving way to unkind feelings, envy, jealousy, and harsh criticism toward one another, they are actually going contrary to one purpose for which Jesus died. He died that He might unite us all in one; and when we allow ourselves to say and do things that disturb that unity, then we are acting contrary to one purpose for which He suffered.

4. The Death of Christ Overcomes the Power of Death Over Believers

The fourth reason why Christ died is found in Hebrews 2:14,15: "Forasmuch then as the children

are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy (or render powerless) him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." It was Satan who brought death into the world, who deceived our first parents and caused them to sin against God, and as a result they came under that sentence, "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Gen. 2:17). And so death terrorized all men. The Old Testament saints never had a clear understanding of justification by faith as we have; they did not comprehend the full meaning of redemption in the way we do if we are instructed by Scripture. Even the godly king Hezekiah, when he heard he was going to die, was filled with fear. He turned his face to the wall and pleaded with God to prolong his life. But our Lord Jesus Christ died in order that He might render powerless him that had the power of death. He has gone down into death and robbed death of its sting by triumphing over it. He said, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, and have the keys of hell and of death" (Rev. 1:18). Now as we gaze upon our blessed risen Saviour, death loses all its terror. We are no longer afraid of death; the fear is gone because the sin question is settled; and we know Satan, our great enemy, has been defeated.

We have a little picture of this in the Old Testament. For forty days the Philistines came out against the Israelites. Every day the great Philistine champion, Goliath, an enormous man, about nine feet tall, clothed in brass, strutted up and down before Israel's encampment, saying, "Choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together" (I Sam. 17:8-10). The people of

Israel trembled as they heard this. Goliath was a type of Satan himself. All the people were afraid; they said, "We cannot stand before him. He is stronger, taller, more able than any of us." Then David came and heard the words of Goliath, "Choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me." David said, "Here is a man." The Philistine disdained him. Goliath said, "Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied" (I Sam. 17:43-45). David put a stone in his sling and ran forward as he slung it; and we read that it sank into the forehead of Goliath, and David hastened to the giant and drew out his sword and cut off the head of the one who had held the power of death for so long. What a picture! It tells of our Lord Jesus Christ going down into the valley of death and there destroying him that had the power of death that all who had been under the fear of death might be delivered.

5. Jesus Died to Deliver Us From This Present Evil World

Now let us turn to another

Scripture, the Epistle to the Galatians, 1:4, where we have the fifth reason for which Jesus died. He "gave himself for our sins." "Yes," you say, "we have had that." But notice what follows: "That he might deliver us this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father. To whom be glory forever. Amen." Jesus died to deliver us from this present evil world. If you have professed to trust in Christ and you are still going on with the world that crucified Him, you are thwarting one of the purposes for which Jesus died. I wish you would keep that in mind. Listen to me! Let me make it very practical. Suppose you really trust Christ. You are a Christian, but there is something of a thoroughly worldly character to which you are invited. You wonder what to do about it. The Word of God says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (I John 2:15,16). You should not hesitate, but you do hesitate. You say, "Well, there will be a lot of nice people there; why not go on with them?" Finally you decide to go. The moment you do that you are thwarting one of the purposes for which Jesus died, "to deliver you from this present evil world." (Continued on Page 5.)



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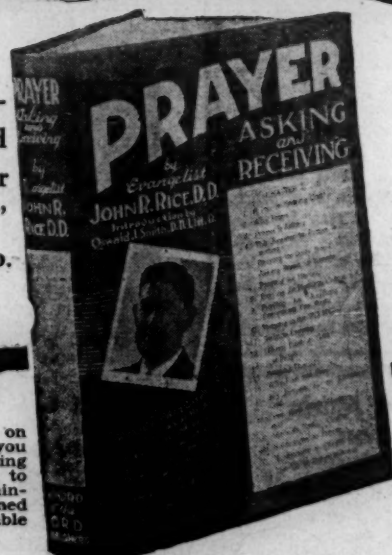
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er who won't work. He helps force other men out of work who want to work, and their families, too, go hungry or are cared for by heavier taxation on the public. Do you believe that such a sit-down striker is pleasing God? Is he increasing his Christian influence?

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Sit-down strikers are not following peace with all men. They turn their fellow laborers away from godliness. They bring reproach on the cause of Christ. Let every Christian avoid the violence, the hatred, the bitterness, the destruction of property and the bloodshed that usually accompany strikes.

Should Christians belong to labor unions? That depends. Certainly no Christian should belong to a labor union if it would involve giving his approval to lawlessness and godlessness. If one must indorse lawlessness, arson, assault, battery and murder and support them with his dues to be a member of a labor union, then Christians ought to withdraw. Otherwise, if Christians are to remain in labor unions they should take charge of them and see that the activities of labor unions stay within the bounds of right and law abiding citizenship.

In this connection remember the command, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" (II Cor. 6:14).

not otherwise earn. If they were not content with the largest wages paid any industrial group in America, then they had a right to quit work. Many, many other men would be glad to have their jobs, even though they worked eight hours a day for five days or more a week. Then the seizing of property that did not belong to them was inexcusable, wrong and criminal. That is the same sin exactly as that of a bank cashier who takes other people's money from the bank and uses it for horse race gambling, the sin of the hijacker. Owners have as much right to their factory property as a worker has to his own little home. To seize either one and to deface and injure it is contrary to law, criminal, dishonest, unAmerican and unchristian. To remain in the plants where they had no business, to break out window lights, destroy property and prevent manufacturing activities, placed every one who had a part in it in the category of lawbreakers. They added yet to that sin by disobeying the court order demanding that they withdraw. They violated human rights, violated the commands of God, violated the law of the land, then disobeyed the courts.

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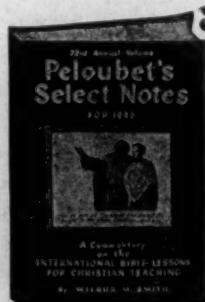
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of the Sabbath, seeing the command to keep it is the one on which you hang your everlasting all? (Matt. 22:34-40; Rom. 13:8-10).

7. Why did Jesus not require the young ruler to keep the Sabbath when enumerating the commandments? (Matt. 19:16-20; Mark 10:17-22; Luke 18:18-24).

8. If Christians are to keep the law of Moses—the Sabbath—why did the apostles and elders who met at Jerusalem leave it out of their address to the churches? (Acts 15:1-29). This case finds, in some respects, a parallel in your theorizing. Judaizing teachers had gone forth declaring to the brethren that unless they would submit to circumcision and keep the law of Moses they could not be saved. The apostles said, "We gave no such commandment."

9. If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath, how are we to account for the open violation of the law by Jesus Christ, who is our example, unless by saying that the power that made the law can take it away, and that He did it? (Matt. 12:1-8; John 7:22,23).

10. If you keep the Sabbath because you think it was kept before the law of Moses, why did you not practice circumcision, seeing it is plainly commanded in these ages? (Gen. 17:1-14; Gal. 5:1-6).

11. When did patriarch, prophet, or apostle, or anybody else, command any Gentile to keep the law of Moses? No dodging here. Proof! Proof! Proof!!!

12. Paul says the ministration of death written and engraven in stone (Ex. 20:1-17; 31:18; 32:15,16; 34:1-28) was done away (II Cor. 3:1-18). When, where, and by whom was it brought back into force? Name the day, the age, the authority, and give proof from the Book! If your doctrine is true the great apostle of the Gentiles stands convicted of a mistake?

13. If the early Christians kept the Sabbath day, why did they break bread on the first day of the week? (Acts 20:7).

14. If Christians are to keep the Sabbath day, how do you account for the fact that the apostles

preached the gospel in Jerusalem, Samaria, to Cornelius the Gentile, and to many others, without commanding a single individual to keep it? Did they, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, fail to properly instruct their converts? (Acts 2:1-47; 8:1-40; 10:1-48; 16:1-40).

15. Is it not a fact, according to the book of Acts, that the thing done was of more importance than the day? (Acts 20:7).

16. Can you demonstrate that the day you keep is really the seventh day or Sabbath, coming down in regular succession from the day on which God rested? If not, your day is no better than any other day. Admitting, for argument's sake, that the law of Moses is still in force, and that the fourth commandment is binding on the whole human race, will you affirm that it is possible for all men to keep the same day? If so, how do you explain the fact that the traveler who starts out to go around the

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Seven Reasons Why Jesus Died

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world." He died that He might gather out of the world a people who would walk in fellowship with Him as the rejected One.

When I was a boy I heard of a man who had murdered a certain farmer, and yet there was something about it that he escaped the penalty of the law. While many were absolutely sure that he was the murderer, it was not so demonstrated in court, and he was allowed to go free. Sometime afterward he sought the hand of the widow of the murdered farmer. He went to her and offered her all kinds of inducements to become his wife. She turned from him and exclaimed, "Never! You murdered my husband, and now you dare to insult me by offering me your bloodstained hand!" Young Christian, the hand of this world is stained with the blood of Jesus, and when you grasp that bloodstained hand you are dishonoring the Christ who died to deliver you from this present evil world. Oh, let us never forget what the world did to Jesus! If our hearts are really taken up with Him we can say without any hesitancy:

"Take the world, but give me Jesus,
All its joys are but a name;
But His love abideth ever,
Thru' eternal years the same."

6. The Death of Christ Constrains Us to Live Wholly for God

The sixth reason for which Jesus died is found in I Corinthians 5:14,15: "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." Jesus died in order that you and I might not live selfishly but live lives wholly devoted to the glory of God and the blessing of lost men and women. He died that they who live—who trust in Him, who have profited by His

death—should henceforth not live unto themselves but unto Him who loved them and gave Himself for them. May I put the question: For whom are you living? For the world, or to please yourself? Many will say, "I have my own life to live, and I am going to live it as I please." We used to say that before we were saved. Now we are no longer to live unto ourselves but unto Him who loved us and gave Himself for us. So the Holy Spirit says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable (intelligent)-service" (Rom. 12:1).

7. The Death of Christ Purchased Us That We Might Live Together With Him Forever

Just one more reason for which Christ died. In the first Epistle to the Thessalonians, 5:9,10, we read "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him." Jesus died for us that we might live together with Him. In this chapter the

apostle is speaking of the difference between the Lord's coming for His saints and the great day of the Lord when He comes in judgment. He points out that when believers are alive here on earth they live unto God; when death comes they are asleep, put to sleep by Jesus. Jesus died for us that whether we wake or sleep we should live together with Him; that is, He died for us that when He comes again, whether we are numbered among the living on earth, or whether our bodies are crumbling away in the tomb, it will make no difference, we shall live together with Him. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." For this Jesus died: that He might have us all together with Himself in the glory.

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earth, gains, say, if going east, one hour for every thousand miles traveled, or if going west loses an hour for every thousand miles traveled? How far would he go before he lost the count? Do you not see that he would inevitably be behind or in advance? Further, how do you explain the fact that far away toward the extremes of the earth, traveling from the equator, there are periods of six months night and six months day from age to age? Do you not see that it is a geographical impossibility for all men to keep the same day, and that the Law was only intended for one people, one country, and one age?

17. Do you keep the Sabbath day? No dodging, do you? Do you rest, or put in the day promulgating your doctrines? Do you not eat food on that day prepared by work on a fire kindled in violation of the law? (Ex. 20:8-11; 35:1-3). Do you offer the burnt offerings required by law? (Num. 28:3-10). Do you remain in your house during the day? (Ex. 16:29). If you do not keep the day according to the Law, you do not keep it at all. If you admit that any part of the Law concerning the Sab-

bath is done away, you are driven to the inevitable and irresistible conclusion that it is all done away. If you deny that any part of it is done away, you condemn yourself for you do not keep it. Which way will you take?

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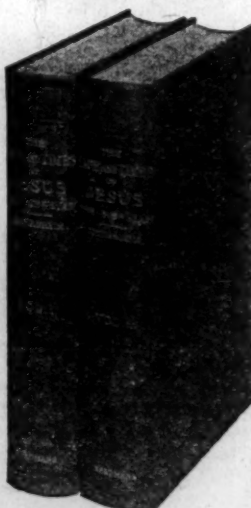
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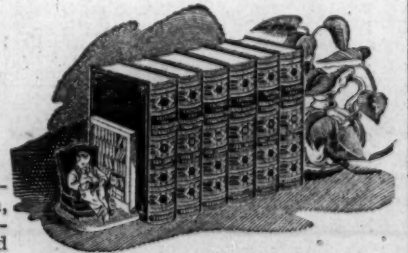
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DR. HYMAN J. APPELMAN CONCLUDES GREAT MEETING

Rev. Leon M. Gambrell, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lake Wales, Florida, Has Supplied Us With the Following Report of the Recent Revival Campaign Conducted There: "Lake Wales has just closed the greatest revival in its history and one of the biggest in the whole state, in which more than 450 people responded to the invitations. Dr. Hyman J. Appelman, Russian-born, Jewish Christian evangelist preached for twelve momentous days. Mr. Homer Britton, outstanding song leader, directed the music. Services were under a great tent, 80x120 feet, which would seat fifteen hundred people.

"Preparations for this meeting began three years ago. At the first business session after my coming to his pastorate, the First Baptist Church of Lake Wales voted unanimously to ask Dr. Appelman to transfer the Daytona Beach engagement to Lake Wales. He accepted the invitation to transfer, and the church began at once thinking about and praying for the revival.

"Late in the summer of 1945 the First Church invited the Westside Baptists to unite with them in the revival, and they joined heartily in all that was done. Rev. Charles Crofton, Pastor for the Westside Church, was untiring in his co-operative efforts preparing for and continuing through the revival. His membership almost unanimously responded to every call.

"I asked Dr. Appelman what was the most important preparation to be made for a revival, and he answered immediately, 'Prayer.' I inquired, 'What is of next importance?' He replied, 'Advertising.' We have sought to do these two things especially, along with many other kinds of preparation.

"For a year we have observed nine o'clock in the morning as prayer hour. About three months ago we began to pray intensively, and the week preceding the revival there were twenty-five special prayer meetings. Of course all during the revival period we have continued to pray. We have pleaded the promises of God, have prayed in expectant faith, and God has certainly rewarded us.

"For two months we advertised in every possible manner. The two local papers generously gave space for stories and pictures. We distributed about 1500 large desk blotters, with bold advertising, inviting people to hear the Jew preach Christ. We had printed a large number of posters 22x28 inches, which were used in store windows and on cars, constantly calling attention to the meetings. Thousands of hand bills were distributed. Brother Crofton went up and down the streets and to neighboring communities with his loudspeaker, playing recorded music and announcing our revival. This was very effective advertising. Arrangements had been made for daily broadcasts by remote control over WLAK, and these morning messages helped marvelously in advertising the meetings.

"A month before the meeting began a most thorough and complete census of our community was taken, and the results tabulated for use in the revival. This

proved most valuable in our work. About 800 letters of announcement and invitation were sent to the prospects secured from the census and to the church members.

"Much of the preparation for the meeting revolved around the tent. From the first, we were convinced that no auditorium in town would hold the crowds who would want to hear Dr. Appelman. Therefore, search was made far and wide for a large tent. Only one such tent was found in all the country, and that could not be had without being purchased outright. The two churches united in buying this large tent for the revival. Of course many committees were needed to find a location, clear the ground, erect the tent, build the platform, secure seats, lights, and heating apparatus. In all of this there was perfect co-operation between the two churches.

"Mr. Homer Britton, song leader, inspired his choir and led the great congregations in gospel songs. This, together with his well-selected and Spirit-filled solos, as well as his excellent trombone playing, added greatly to the meeting's effectiveness.

"Dr. Appelman more than satisfied all of his hearers by his great gospel messages and ministry. He has lived up to his motto, 'Hear the Jew preach Christ.' In every sermon and in all of his prayers he has magnified Christ. We would characterize him as a mighty man of prayer who preaches Christ in every service. Our hearts thrilled beyond expression to see the throngs crowd into the tent day after day, night after night, during these meetings to 'Hear the Jew preach Christ.'

"Our churches will never get away from the spiritual impressions made by this man of God. May his life be spared many, many years, and his great powers continually employed in the service of the Saviour whom he loves with a heart passion akin to that of the Apostle Paul."

Evangelist Keenum in Blessed Campaign

Word has just been received from Pastor G. D. Wait, Anniston, Alabama, telling of the blessed campaign conducted in his church by Evangelist Covell Keenum. He writes:

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"I can truthfully say that Brother Keenum is a God-called evangelist, and his preaching is forceful, dynamic, and powerful. Our people were led to a closer walk with the Lord, and many family altars were started. Although the series of meetings are over, we know that this revival will live forever in our hearts."

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2. "Is there a difference between Old and New Testament living?"

By the Editor

The above questions are asked by an earnest brother from Isabelle, Oklahoma, and my answer is given below.

"Dear Brother

"I would answer that on moral principles, there is no difference between the Old Testament standard and the New Testament standard. There is a difference in ceremonial law, like the Old Testament sacrifices, circumcision, the dietary laws of the Jews, the Jewish Sabbath, etc., but there is not a difference in matters of right and wrong, such as murder, adultery, stealing, lying, and covetousness; these are equally condemned in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

"Just like that, the Old and New Testament agree in giving authority to the state or the government over human life. In Genesis 9:6 we are commanded, 'Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed.' That command of the death penalty for murder is repeated in Exodus 21:12. Although the ten commandments say 'Thou shalt do no murder' (the best translation), that simply means that no individual has a right to take the law in his own hands and to kill for personal vengeance. The next chapter plainly commands that the state, or organized society, shall execute the death penalty for murder.

"This teaching is continued in the New Testament. Romans 12, Verses 17 to 21 plainly teach that no person has a right to take personal vengeance, to get even. The Scripture says there,

"Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

"But again, we notice that that Scripture is the rule for individuals. It does not mean that the government should not put criminals to death, nor execute the wrath of society on murderers like Hitler. For the Scripture continues in the next chapter, the very next verses, saying,

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he

beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.' (Rom. 13:1-6).

"Here we see that individuals are to be subject to the higher powers. Government authorities are ordained of God. Anyone who resists the government, resists the ordinance of God. The ruler is 'The minister of God.' He beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.' For the government to

wield the sword, through its officers, police, or army, is right when necessary. Sin must be put down and punished. It would have been a sin for the organized governments of the world to let Hitler go on with his murder and enslaving of millions. Governments carry the sword as the ministers of God. That is the clear teaching of both the Old and New Testaments.

"Let us pray that God will spare America from wars. Encourage us, as good Christians, be subject to the government as the minister of God in the matter of executing vengeance when necessary. The policeman who enforces the law is the minister of God. The nation that maintains her army and navy in order to maintain the peace and punish wickedness, acts as the agent of Almighty God. Let us then be subject to the higher powers which are ordained of God. Patriotism and Christianity go together away ways.

"In the Saviour's name, yours,

John R. Rice

CHRIST OUR ELDER BROTHER

By the Editor

One of my pamphlets mentions Christ as our Elder Brother. A brother in Christ asks for the Scripture reference on which such a statement is based and my answer to him may be of comfort and blessing to others, so it is printed here.

"My dear Brother

"In your letter you state 'I was wondering what particular Scripture you have for calling Jesus our Elder Brother. Please give reference.'

"You will find that Hebrews 2:11 says, 'For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.' Then Hebrews 2:12 quotes from Psalm 22:22, 'I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.' Hebrews 2:17 says, 'Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.' So Christ called Himself our brother. But Hebrews 1:6 calls Jesus 'the firstbegotten.' So Jesus is our Elder Brother.

"Christ is the Son of God, and in His human body He was conceived of the Holy Ghost. By my second birth I became a son of God also, and in my second birth I too was conceived of the Holy Ghost. People become Christians by a miraculous work of the Spirit of God, regenerating us and making us into children of God. John 1:12, 13 says, 'But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.' So all converted people, born-again people, are not only children of God, but are by the same token, brothers and sisters of the Lord Jesus Christ!

"How precious is the thought that Jesus is not ashamed to call

us brethren! So Christ has become one of mankind; not only during His earthly ministry, but also during His eternal glory with the Father. He will be counted our Brother.

"And as our Brother, as the Son of Man as One 'made like unto his brethren, that he might have a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people,' as Hebrews 2:17 says, the Lord Jesus is One to hear our prayers and give us strength for every need! What a wonderful Saviour is Christ, the Son of God, our Elder Brother!

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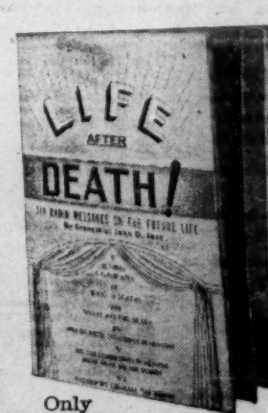
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presents only the clear, positive teachings of the Word of God. If we were guessing about dates, or speculating on things not revealed, we might well be more timid. There is much about the future that we do not know. Many faithful and good teachers and preachers of the Bible do not agree about a thousand details. But the great body of truth concerning the fact of Christ's literal return and literal reign on this earth are so clearly taught, that for a humble and open-minded believer to know what God's Word says on these matters is simply to accept it and be glad.

"For myself it was so. Reared and trained altogether under the teachings of postmillennialists in Sunday School, preaching service, college, university, and seminary, when I began the independent study of my Bible I was compelled and then happy to accept this Bible teaching.

"In closing, may I say that the purpose of this book is not only to make clear a great Bible teaching, but to establish a Hope and show Christians that it is the blessed Hope. I earnestly pray that hearts will be blessed even more than heads.

"To me it is surprisingly sweet to know that there is coming a day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; when the pure in heart shall see God, and when the meek shall inherit the earth; when the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped, when the lame shall leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing, and when sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Our arms will hold again our loved ones, loved and lost awhile, and we shall see Him whom we love because He first loved us. I trust that the longing in your heart, as you read this book, will teach you to pray sincerely in the words the Saviour

Book Reviews

Sunday School Times Says About "Revival Appeals"

"Revival Appeals." By the Rev. John R. Rice, D.D., Litt.D. (Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Ill., \$1.50).

"The road to hell itself is paved with good intentions." This pungent statement is characteristic of the contents of this volume of sixteen evangelistic sermons. They are written in simple language, designed particularly for unbelievers. They are impressive, compelling, urgent, and clear on the matter of salvation. Each message concludes with a decision form and a suggested letter to the author, who promises to write a personal reply with appropriate counsel. The author deals very satisfactorily with the awfulness of being lost, the dangers of procrastination, and the certainty of eternal salvation for those who accept Christ. 'Facing the Pierced Jesus' is the most informative message of all, and the Christmas message on 'No Room for Jesus' is very fine. The title is rather misleading. The author explains his reason for using it in his introduction, but 'Gospel Appeals' would be more appropriate. His homiletics are haphazard, but that

does not detract from the fervor or the appeal of the messages. The book will prove suggestive for the evangelistic minister and splendid for the unsaved."

The Lord is greatly blessing the effort of forty-six Pontiac pastors and churches with Editor John R. Rice as the evangelist in the union campaign in Pontiac, Michigan. The large tabernacle seating 2000 has been crowded night after night, and often as many as three or four hundred people have stood during the whole service. Dr. Rice reports that each night there have been many remarkable conversions of old hardened sinners, and some Catholics, as well as young people and children. The "Happy Clarks" who are in charge of the music, are a real help in the campaign. This is written January 29. The revival closes February 3. Then from February 10 to March 3 the editor will be in a union campaign in Pembroke, Ontario, Canada. He covets the prayers of all "Sword" readers. Viola Walden, Secretary to Dr. Rice.

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"Standing on the Promises"

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2. God Will Keep Those Whom He Has Saved

Another promise is that God will keep those whom He has saved. I wish men would believe it. I wish men everywhere would preach it. Preaching something else to a lost world—that you may be saved today and lost tomorrow—gets the sinner so afraid to start that he may never get the courage to step out and trust Jesus Christ. Sinner, if you are here tonight, as you look at your weakness, your faults and failures, how you have gone down before temptation, and as you think of your habits of sin, the devil tells you if you were saved you couldn't hold out, listen to the Word of God—"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." Friend, how long is never? "They shall never perish, neither shall any man

pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." Oh, what a promise! What a promise! That is the reason Peter could say of those who have an inheritance in corruptible and undefiled and that fade not away, "who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." That is the reason Jude could say, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." That is the reason Paul could triumphantly shout, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." That is the reason Paul could so confidently say, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." That is the reason Paul

could defy the world, the flesh, the devil and all his cohorts and say, "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." That is the reason Paul could throw out the challenge to the whole universe, "Who can lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth." That is the reason Paul could say, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." But what about it? "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Christ has promised to keep that which He has saved, and one day to "present

you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy," as all the angels gather around and rejoice at the redemption of His purchased possession.

3. He Has Promised Victory Over the World

Listen to the Word of God, "Whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith"—not our strength, not our power, but faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He has promised victory over the flesh, victory over sin, victory over temptation. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Every temptation—not just the little temptations, but the most severe ones—he will make a way of escape that you may be able to bear it. But "all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen." Not a single one of them can fail. Try as he may, the devil cannot bring a single one to failure.

4. Glory Is Promised to Every Christian

Another thing He has promised to give us is glory after awhile. My heart thrills when I read His prayer in the seventeenth chapter of John, where Jesus prayed the Father for the ones who believe in His name: "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." Then hear the promise of God, "If so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Rom. 8: 17-18). Paul speaks of the resurrection and says, "There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power." (I Cor. 15:41-43). Hear the Word of God: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified." (Rom. 8: 29-30). Sinner, friend, when God takes hold of the hand of the sinner in redemption, He has started with him to glory, and just as certainly as Christ arose from the dead, "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him." And He is able to deliver them safe in glory. He has promised to do it, and He will do it. If you are saved, you are just as certain of glory as Christ lives. "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." I tell you, it is great to be a Christian!

5. God Will Bring His Own Safely to Heaven

One more promise—I could go on and on naming them. There are more than a hundred thousand in this precious book of God, and you can count on every one of them. Listen to this: He has promised to bring every child of God home to Heaven without the loss of a single one. Friend, when the roll is called up yonder, there will not be a single absentee. When the roll is called, every saved person will be there to answer, "here." Again I refer to that prayer of Jesus in the seventeenth chapter of John: "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil . . . While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost."

The story is told of a young soldier dying on the battlefield. When he was found, one of the stretcher-bearers knelt beside him to see if he were still living. He heard him saying one word over and over. He listened closely to catch the word and found that he was saying, "Here! Here!" The stretcher-bearer said, "Why are you saying that word?" The young man, who was a consecrated Christian, said, "They are calling the roll in Heaven and I am answering to my name." Yes, one day the roll will be called in Heaven, and every blood-bought son and daughter of God will be there to answer when his name is called.

"When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,

And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;

When the saints of earth shall gather over on the other shore, And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."

He has promised and His promise cannot fail. Hear it! "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish."

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